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As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention or design **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR A DIGITAL AUTOMATED EXCHANGE**, the specification of which (check one):

_____ is attached hereto; or

X was filed on March 30, 2001 as
Application Serial No. 09/822,683

and was amended on _____ (if applicable);

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>	<u>Priority Claimed (Yes) (No)</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. 60/194,526 filed April 4, 2000; U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. 60/193,912 filed March 31, 2000; U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. 60/193,536 filed March 31, 2000; U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. 60/193,534 filed March 31, 2000; and U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. 60/193,541 filed March 31, 2000.

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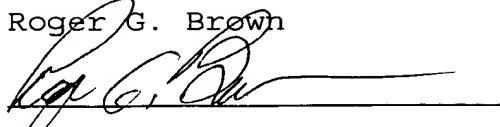
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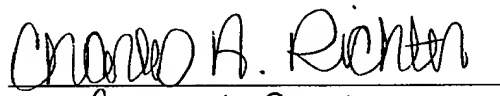
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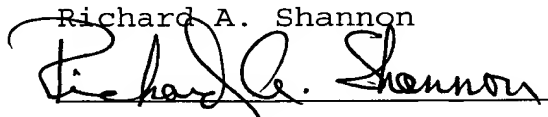
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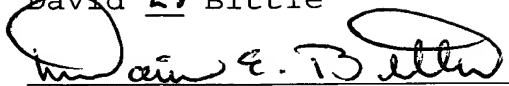
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